corporate governance report

企業管治報告

A. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Bank is committed to the highest standards of corporate governance including but not limited to strict adherence to the principles set forth in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code") in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). The Bank has complied with all Code provisions throughout the financial year ended 31 December 2007.

The Bank, being a licensed bank incorporated in Hong Kong, also follows the principles and best practices in corporate governance as set forth in the guidelines on "Corporate Governance of Locally Incorporated Authorised Institutions" under the Supervisory Policy Manual issued by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (the "HKMA").

B. DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Bank has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors.

The Bank has made specific enquiries of all Directors regarding any non-compliance with the Model Code during the period, and received confirmations from all Directors that they have fully complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code.

C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(1) The Board of Directors ("the Board") of the Bank comprises 10 Directors. Details in relation to the Board have been set out in the Corporate Information. During the financial year, four Board meetings have been held. Each Director's attendance at these Board meetings is set out below:

DIRECTORS	ATTENDANCE
Executive Directors	
Jin-Yi LEE	4 / 4
(Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer)	
Michael CHANG Ming-Yuen	4 / 4
James YIP	4/4
Non-Executive Directors	
Ming-Hsing (Richard) TSAI	4/4
(Chairman)	
Ming-Chung (Daniel) TSAI	4 / 4
(Vice Chairman)	
Victor KUNG	4 / 4
Jesse DING	3 / 4
(resigned on 28 November 2007)	

A. 企業管治常規

本行致力實行最高水準之企業管治,包括但不限 於嚴格遵守香港聯合交易所有限公司證券上市規 則 (「上市規則」) 附錄十四之《企業管治常規 守則》 (「守則」) 所載原則。截至二零零七年 十二月三十一日止之財政年度,本行嚴格遵守載 於守則內之全部守則。

本行作為香港成立之持牌銀行,亦會致力遵守載於香港金融管理局(「金管局」)頒佈之監管政策手冊內「本地註冊認可機構之企業管治」指引之原則及企業管治最佳常規。

B. 董事之證券交易

本行已採納「上市規則」附錄十所列之「上市 公司董事進行證券交易的標準守則」(「標準 守則」),作為本行董事進行證券交易之行為 守則。

本行已向所有董事作出有關於本期間任何違反 「標準守則」之特定查詢,而彼等皆確認已完全 遵守「標準守則」所列之要求。

C. 董事會

(1) 本行董事會(「董事會」)包括 10 名董事。公司 資料中載有董事會之詳情。於本財政年度內,董 事會已舉行四次會議。各董事出席該等董事會會 議之情況載列如下:

董事	出席次數
執行董事	
李晉頤	4/4
(董事總經理兼行政總裁)	
張明遠	4/4
葉強華	4/4
非執行董事	
蔡明興	4/4
(主席)	
蔡明忠	4/4
(副主席)	
龔天行	4/4
丁予康	3/4
(於二零零七年十一月二十八日辭任)

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Robert James KENRICK	4/4
Moses K. TSANG	4/4
Hung SHIH	4/4

Full regular Board meetings are held at least four times a year, with one in each quarter. Notice of each Board meeting will be given to all Directors at least 14 days in advance and the agenda will be sent to the Directors at least 7 days before the date of each Board meeting for all Directors to review.

The Articles of Association of the Bank provide that a Director shall not be entitled to vote or be counted in the quorum in respect of any contract or arrangement in which he or any of his associates has a material interest.

Minutes of each Board meeting are circulated to all Directors for their comment prior to their confirmation at the following Board meeting. Minutes of Board meetings are kept by the Company Secretary and are open for inspection by Directors.

Directors may have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary with a view to ensuring that Board procedures and all applicable rules and regulations, are followed.

(2) In meeting its overall duties and responsibilities to shareholders, depositors, creditors, employees and other stakeholders, the Board is responsible to ensure that there is a competent executive management which is able to run the Bank in a sound and efficient manner.

The Board is also responsible for establishing the overall business objectives of the Bank and to approve and review the corresponding business strategies and plans (including annual budgets) from time to time. The Board is also required to ensure that the operations of the Bank are conducted prudently and within the laws and regulations of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and thus establishes, approves and reviews such policies, codes of conduct, guidelines and systems as the Board may think necessary and appropriate from time to time

The Board also ensures that the Bank observes a high standard of integrity in its dealings with the public and particular care is taken to comply with applicable laws and regulations (such as the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, Prevention of Bribery Ordinance etc), prevention of money laundering legislation, industry standards (such as the Code of Banking Practice) and regulatory guidelines issued by the HKMA, the Securities and Futures Commission and other relevant regulatory authorities.

In addition, the Board regularly establishes, approves and reviews risk management strategies and policies of the Bank as it may think necessary and appropriate from time to time to identify, measure, monitor and

獨立非執行董事

甘禮傑	4 / 4
曾國泰	4 / 4
石宏	4 / 4

每年至少舉行四次定期董事會會議,每季度一次。每次董事會會議通知會於至少14天前發給全體董事,而會議議程會於各董事會會議日期至少七天前發給全體董事以供審閱。

本行之章程細則規定,就任何合約或安排而言, 倘董事或董事之聯繫人士於其擁有重大權益,則 該董事無權投票或計為法定人數。

每次董事會會議之會議記錄會於下次董事會會議 確認前交由全體董事傳閱及提出意見。董事會會 議記錄會交由公司秘書保存並供董事公開查閱。

全體董事皆可獲得公司秘書的意見及服務以確保 董事會程序及所有適用規則及條例均獲遵守。

(2) 董事會有責任確保行政管理層有能力以合理及有效的方式經營本行,以履行其對股東、存戶、債權人、僱員及其他相關人士之義務及責任。

董事會亦有責任建立本行之全盤業務目標,並不時批核及檢討相應之業務策略及計劃(包括年度財政預算)。董事會亦須確保本行謹慎營運並遵守香港特別行政區之法例及法規,從而於董事會認為有必要及適當時建議、批准及審核該等政策、行為守則、指引及系統。

董事會亦須確保本行於其對公眾之交易中遵循高標準誠信準則,並特別留意須遵守法例及法規(例如「個人資料(私隱)條例」、「防止賄賂條例」等)、防止清洗黑錢法例、行業標準(例如「銀行營運守則」),以及由金管局、證券及期貨事務監察委員會及其他相關監管機構頒佈之規管指引。

此外,董事會於其認為有必要及適當時不時定期 建立、批准及審核本行之風險管理策略及政策, 以找出、計算、監察及控制各類本行所面對之風 險,其中包括惟不僅限於信貸、營運、市場、聲 譽及流動資金風險。董事會亦監察本行之物業、 股權或債券等全盤資產之投資,惟一般之銀行及 證券業務除外。 control the various types of risk with which the Bank is faced, such as but not limited to credit, operational, market, reputational and liquidity risks. It also oversees the overall investments (other than in the ordinary course of its banking and securities business) of the Bank in assets such as property, equities or bonds.

The Board also ensures that the staff of the Bank fully understands and complies with the provisions of Section 83 of the Banking Ordinance on connected lending and has established a policy on such lending.

The Board also focuses on effectively overseeing and managing the business of the Bank including delegating duties and responsibilities to the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer or through the appointment of Directors to specialised Board committees with all decisions and approvals being subject to review and ratification by the Board.

D. CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Details of the Chairman, Ming-Hsing (Richard) TSAI, and the Chief Executive Officer, Jin-Yi LEE, have been set out in the Corporate Information. They have no relationship with each other. The roles of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer are segregated, with a clear division of responsibilities.

The Chairman is a Non-Executive Director and is responsible for the leadership and effective running of the Board, and ensuring that all key and appropriate issues are discussed by the Board in a timely and constructive manner.

The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer is an Executive Director and is responsible without interference from individual Directors for the day to day general management and control of the Bank's business and operation under delegated power and authority of the Board. However the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer has discretion to consult and obtain guidance from the other Directors or the Board when he considers necessary.

E. BOARD COMPOSITION

The Board comprises three Executive Directors, four Non-Executive Directors and three Independent Non-Executive Directors. More than one of the Independent Non-Executive Directors hold appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise which exceeds the minimum requirements of the Listing Rules.

Each of the Independent Non-Executive Directors has made an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

董事會亦確保本行職員完全理解及遵守「銀行條例」第83條之有關關連借貸之條文,並就該等借貸訂立政策。

董事會亦專注於有效監察及管理本行之業務,包括透過授權董事總經理及行政總裁,或委任董事加入專責委員會,再經由董事會審核及批准所有決定。

D. 主席及行政總裁

公司資料載有主席蔡明興及行政總裁李晉頤之詳 細資料。彼等相互並無關係。主席及行政總裁之 職能互相獨立及職責明晰。

主席為非執行董事及負責董事會之領導和運作, 並確保所有重大及需要處理的事務得以有效及有 建設性地進行商議。

董事總經理及行政總裁為執行董事及可根據董事 會之授權,負責日常管理及本行之業務營運,而 不受任何個別董事之影響。然而,董事總經理及 行政總裁可於必要時酌情向任何董事或董事會進 行諮詢及獲取指引。

E. 董事會組成

董事會包括三位執行董事、四位非執行董事及三位獨立非執行董事。不止一位獨立非執行董事擁 有適當之專業資格或具備會計或相關財務管理專 長,超過了上市規則之最低規定。

各獨立非執行董事已根據「上市規則」第 3.13 條 之規定提交其獨立性週年確認書。

本行認為所有獨立非執行董事均保持獨立並符合 「上市規則」第 3.13 條所載之獨立性指引。

在董事會成員當中,副主席蔡明忠乃主席蔡明興 之胞兄,而兩位均為本行之大股東富邦金融控股 股份有限公司之代表。 The Bank is of the view that all Independent Non-Executive Directors are independent and meet the independence guidelines set out in Rules 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

Among the members of the Board, Ming-Chung (Daniel) TSAI, Vice Chairman is the brother of Ming-Hsing (Richard) TSAI, Chairman, both of whom represent the substantial shareholder of the Bank, Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd.

F. APPOINTMENT AND RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

All Directors are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Bank.

The Board has not established a nomination committee. As a substantial shareholder holding 75% of the shares of the Bank, Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd is involved in the process of nominating new Directors. The appointment of new Directors will be considered and approved by the full Board of Directors or Shareholders in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Bank. Approval from the HKMA will also be obtained in accordance with the Banking Ordinance.

Those directors appointed by the Board during the year shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.

G. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Remuneration Committee comprises the Board's Non-Executive Chairman, Non-Executive Vice Chairman and three Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Committee meets as required to review and approve the remuneration packages for senior executives which include the Chief Executive Officer, Executive Directors, and Executive Vice Presidents. Executive Directors do not play a part in decisions on their own remuneration. During the financial year, one meeting was held. Each Director's attendance at the meeting is set out below:

DIRECTORS	ATTENDANCE
Ming-Hsing (Richard) TSAI	1 / 1
(Chairman)	
Ming-Chung (Daniel) TSAI	1 / 1
(Vice Chairman)	
Robert James KENRICK	1 / 1
Moses K. TSANG	1 / 1
Huna SHIH	1/1

During the financial year, the Remuneration Committee discussed the average staff salary increase for 2008 and the 2007 staff bonuses and recommended its decision to the Board for approval. The Committee

F. 委任及重選董事

根據本行之章程細則,所有董事均需於股東周年常會上應選輪任及連任。

董事會並未成立提名委員會。持有本行75%權益之大股東富邦金融控股股份有限公司會參與提名新董事之程序。根據本行之章程細則,委任新董事將由全體董事會成員或股東審核及批准。根據銀行條例,亦須獲得金管局之批准。

董事會於年度內所委任之董事只任職至下屆股東 周年常會,並於其時有資格再度當選連任。

G. 薪酬委員會

薪酬委員會由董事會之非執行主席、非執行副主席及三名獨立非執行董事組成。該委員會按需要舉行會議,以審閱及批核高級行政人員(包括行政總裁、執行董事及執行副總裁)之薪酬方案。執行董事並無參與與其相關之薪酬決策討論。於本財政年度內,薪酬委員會曾經舉行一次會議。各董事出席會議之情況如下:

董事	出席
蔡明興	1 / 1
(主席)	
蔡明忠	1 / 1
(副主席)	
甘禮傑	1 / 1
曾國泰	1 / 1
石宏	1 / 1

於本財政年度內,薪酬委員會就職員二零零八年 之平均薪金增幅及二零零七年之花紅進行討論並 向董事會提出批准之建議。該委員會亦批准執行 副總裁二零零八年之薪金增幅及二零零七年之花 紅。該委員會亦批准擢升一位高級副總裁為執行 副總裁。 also approved 2008 salary increases and 2007 bonuses for the Executive Vice Presidents. The Committee also approved the promotion of a Senior Vice President to an Executive Vice President.

H AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Bank has complied with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules in relation to the composition of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee comprises three members, one Non-Executive Director and two Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Audit Committee is chaired by Robert James Kenrick, an Independent Non-Executive Director who has appropriate accounting professional qualifications. It meets at least four times a year and additionally when deemed necessary. During the financial year, four meetings have been held and each Director's attendance at the meeting is set out below:

DIRECTORS	ATTENDANCE
Robert James KENRICK	4/4
Victor KUNG	3 / 4
Hung SHIH	4/4

The Audit Committee ensures adequate supervision of the Bank's financial reporting processes, reviews the internal audit programme and reports, ensures co-ordination between the internal and external auditors, and monitors the compliance with internal policies, statutory regulations and recommendations made by the external auditors.

During the financial year, the Audit Committee has reviewed the Bank's financial reporting process and the systems of internal control, including reviews of the internal audit functions and the risk management process. In particular, the reviews undertaken by Audit Committee on the internal audit function include reviews of the internal audit program, the internal audit reports issued, the major findings from any investigation and remedial actions taken by the relevant departments in response to the findings.

The Audit Committee also reviewed the appointment of the external auditors and discussed with them the nature and scope of their audits. In addition, any issues arising from their audits together with the follow up actions taken by the Bank to address these issues have also been examined by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee also reviewed the interim and annual financial statements before recommending them to the Board for approval. It also reviewed the Bank's statement on internal control systems in the annual report prior to the endorsement by the Board.

I. EXECUTIVE CREDIT COMMITTEE

The Executive Credit Committee comprises the Chairman, Vice Chairman and two Executive Directors. This committee serves as the Credit Committee of the Board to review and approve credit proposals within limits assigned by the Board.

H. 審核委員會

本行就審核委員會之組成已遵守「上市規則」第 3.21 條之規定。審核委員會由三位成員組成,包 括一名非執行董事及兩名獨立非執行董事。審核 委員會由擁有適當會計專業資格之獨立非執行董 事甘禮傑任主席。該委員會每年舉行四次會議, 並在有需要時舉行特別會議。於本財政年度內, 該委員會已舉行四次會議。各董事出席會議之情 況如下:

董事	出席次數
甘禮傑	4 / 4
龔天行	3 / 4
石宏	4 / 4

審核委員會確保對本行之財務申報程序進行足夠 之監管、檢討內部審核程序及報告、確保內部及 外聘核數師互相協調,以及監控遵守內部政策、 法規及由外聘核數師所提出之建議。

於本財政年度內,審核委員會已就本行之財務報 告編制程序及內部監控系統作出檢討,其中包括 內部審核職能及風險管理程序。在內部審核職能 的檢討工作方面,該委員會的審核範圍包括內部 審核方案、已發佈之內部審核報告、任何調查所 發現之主要問題,以及相關部門就有關問題所採 取之補救行動。

審核委員會亦對外聘核數師之委任谁行檢討, 並 與其就審計之性質及範圍進行討論。此外,審核 委員會亦就審計所發現之問題及本行所採取之相 應解決行動進行審核。審核委員會亦於向董事會 建議批准中期及年度財務報告之前審閱有關報 告,並在建議董事會批准年報所載之本行有關內 部監控系統之聲明之前,審閱有關聲明。

I. 執行信貸委員會

執行信貸委員會由主席、副主席及兩位執行董事 組成。委員會以董事會信貸委員會的身份,按董 事會授予的權限,審閱及批核信貸建議。

J. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee comprises the Bank's Chief Executive Officer and senior managers as appointed by the Chief Executive Officer. The Committee is the key decision making body for the Bank and is responsible mainly for formulation of the Bank's business strategies and bank wide initiatives. The Committee also coordinates among business and support units during the implementation process, monitors the implementation of the approved business strategies and bank wide initiatives and reviews the achievement of business targets and objectives.

K. ASSET AND LIABILITY COMMITTEE

The Asset and Liability Committee comprises the Bank's Chief Executive Officer, Executive Directors and senior managers as appointed by the Chief Executive Officer. The Committee meets at least bi-weekly with the Head of Internal Audit Division and Head of Compliance Division attending the meeting as observers to ensure overall compliance with the Bank's governing policies. The Committee's main responsibilities include regular review of the Bank's operations relating to interest rate risk and liquidity risk and in particular the Bank's ability to meet its funding obligations, and its compliance with statutory liquidity and capital adequacy requirements. The Committee regularly reviews and endorses, for the Board's approval, the Bank's policies governing asset and liability management, investment, and other risk management issues. It also formulates both long term strategy for the sources and applications of funds and short term directives to address prevailing conditions and monitors the implementation of these strategies and directives. In addition, the Asset and Liability Committee assesses the risk and profitability of new products proposed by business units and approves new products.

L. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

An analysis of the remuneration in respect of audit and non-audit services provided by the auditors to the Bank is set out below:

	HK\$000
Statutory audit, including interim review	2,254
Tax compliance	87
Advisory	342
	2,683

J. 管理委員會

管理委員會由本行的行政總裁以及行政總裁所委 任的高級管理人員組成。委員會乃本行重要的決 策組織,主要職責是制定本行的業務策略及銀行 首創計劃。同時,委員會在業務策略的推行過程 中,亦負責協調業務及後勤部門的工作,監察已 批准業務策略及銀行首創計劃的實施進度及檢討 工作是否合乎業務目標及預期表現。

K. 資產負債委員會

資產負債委員會由本行的行政總裁、執行董事以及行政總裁所委任的高級管理人員組成。委員會最少每兩星期舉行一次會議,並由內部審核部門主管及合規部主管列席旁聽,以確保全面符合抵明檢討本行涉及利率風險及流動資金風險的能力及遵守法定期檢討本行應付債務的能力及遵守法定期核本行有關資產及負債管理、投資及其他壓管理事宜的政策,以上呈予董事會批准。委」應對定獲得及應用資金的長遠政策,以及因陰管理事宜的政策,以上呈予董事會批准。委」應對定獲得及應用資金的長遠政策,以及因陰管理事宜的政策,以上呈予董事會批准。委」應對定獲得及應用資金的長遠政策,以及因陰管理事宜的政策,以及因為實質,以上是一個人工程,以及因為實質,以上是一個人工程,以及因為實質,以上是一個人工程,以及因為實質,以及因為實質,以及因為實質,以及因為實質,以及因為實質,以及因為實質,以及因為實質,以及因為實質,以及因為實質,以及因為實質,以及因為實質,以及因為實質,以及因為實質,以及因為關於因,或要批有關產品。

L. 核數師之薪酬

2007

就由核數師向本行提供之審計及非審計服務之薪 酬分析如下:

		二零零七年
		千港元
法定審計	(包括中期審閲)	2,254
税務諮詢		87
顧問		342
		2,683

M. INTERNAL CONTROLS

The Board is responsible for the Bank's system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness.

The Bank's internal control systems comprise the following key measures and provide reasonable assurance of effective and efficient operations, quality internal and external reporting and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Functional committees are established to monitor risks and controls in specific areas of potential risk.

A clear organization structure with well defined authority and responsibilities enables effective checks and balances. It includes a clear division of responsibility between the operating and reporting roles.

All major Bank policies are set and approved by the Board. Detailed processes are defined and documented. These procedures include specific operational, financial and compliance controls which facilitate segregation of duties, accuracy of reporting and proper control over assets and risk exposure.

Comparisons of actual performance against budgets and business analysis are reviewed by the Board on a quarterly basis reflecting monitoring, assessment and control of performance of business, state of its affairs and potential risk.

There are policies and procedures in place to identify possible risk the Bank may face. Appropriate risk management policies and risk limits and guidelines have been established by the Board to monitor and control the risk identified. Risk management reports are submitted regularly to the respective committees assigned for monitoring and assessment of risks associated with the Bank's business and operations.

The internal audit function of the Bank conducts independent reviews and tests to evaluate the effectiveness of internal control and risk management systems on a continuous basis. All findings are reported to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis. Measures to implement improvement are reviewed and monitored periodically. The Audit Committee reviews and assesses material findings and submits quarterly reports to the Board.

The internal audit function of the Bank conducted the review of effectiveness of the Bank's internal control system for the year of 2007 and has submitted its report to the Audit Committee and the Board. Measures have been taken to implement control recommendations.

M. 內部監控

董事會亦負責本行的內部監控系統及檢討其有效性。

本行的內部監控系統包括下列主要措施,並提供 有效營運的合理保證、優質內外申報以及遵照適 用法例和法規。

功能委員會乃為了替特定潛在風險範疇進行監察 風險和監控而成立。

一個具有妥善界定的權限和職責的清晰組織架構,將有利於有效的牽制與平衡。該架構明確區分營運及彙報職能的責任。

本行所有主要政策均由董事會制定和批准,並界 定和仔細記錄詳盡的程序。此等程序包括特定的 營運、財務及法規監控,以方便分工、準確申報 及對資產和風險度的適當監控。

董事會每季均會審閱實際表現與預算的比較以 及業務分析,而該等比較及分析乃反映對業務 表現、其事務狀況和潛在風險的監察、評估及 監控。

為識別本行可能面對的風險,亦已制定政策和程序。董事會已建立合適的風險管理政策以及風險限度和指引,以對所識別的風險加以監察和監控。有關風險管理報告會定期呈交予獲指派監察及評估與本行業務及營業有關的風險的各有關委員會。

本行的內部審核部門進行獨立檢討和測試,從 而持續地評估內部監控和風險管理系統的有效 性。於每個季度,向審核委員會呈交報告,而改 善措施的執行則會定期進行檢討及審監。審核委 員會檢討及評估重大發現,並按季向董事會匯報 情況。

本行的內部審核部門已替本行於二零零七年的內 部監控系統進行有效性檢討,並已將其報告提交 至審核委員會及董事會,另亦已採取措施實踐對 於監控的建議。

N. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and are not aware of any material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt upon the Group's or the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern. The Audit Committee has conducted a review of the effectiveness of the Group's system of internal control, including financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management functions and reported significant matters identified in the review to the Board. The Audit Committee has recommended to the Board the re-appointment of the auditors, which has been accepted by the Board.

The auditors are responsible for forming an independent opinion on whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank and the Group as at 31 December 2007 and of the Group's profit and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

N. 財務報告

董事負責編制財務報告,且並不知悉任何可能會對本集團或本行繼續發展構成重要影響之重大不明朗因素。審核委員會已檢討本集團之內部監控系統(包括財務、營運及規管遵從控制及風險管理職能),並向董事會呈報於審核中發現之重大事件。審核委員會已就重新委任核數師事宜向董事會提交建議,且獲董事會接納。

核數師負責就財務報告是否真實及公平反映本行 及本集團截至二零零七年十二月三十一日之財務 狀況及本集團截至該日止年度之溢利及現金流 量,以及有關財務報告是否根據《香港公司條 例》妥為編制提供獨立意見。